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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 234

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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Miss Megan Wesley
Rand, 2001 Valedictorian of Seymour High
School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Megan Wesley Rand is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Megan has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Megan Rand has earned an exemplary grade point average while taking Honors classes and such demanding classes as AP Calculus, Latin I, II, and III, Anatomy and Physiology; she has also completed an Independent Study Credit in Government at the University of Tennessee and twelve college credit hours at Walters State Community College in Composition I and II, and Western World Literature I and II; and

WHEREAS, Active in numerous extracurricular activities, Megan volunteers her services as a tutor for primary school children and as a computer tutor at the local middle school; she has served as an instructor for Learn to Skate and as a helper for the Fantasy of Trees; she has volunteered at the Serenity Shelter for the performance of Nutcracker on Ice, and has served as coordinator for Freshman Orientation and an MDVC volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Completing 157 hours of community service, Megan Rand has also volunteered as a helper for the Harvest Festival, and as a Drama stage scenery constructor, and has served as a fundraising volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rand's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, She has achieved the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair Certificate of Merit; has triumphed as Grand Champion at the Sevier County Science Fair; and has won 1st Place laurels at the Seymour High School Science Fair; and

WHEREAS, Miss Rand has been honored with the Academic Excellence Award in Algebra II, Latin I and II, and has received the Honors Award in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad; she placed as the runner-up in the Tee Shirt Design at the Roane State Community College Academic Festival and won Level 1 recognition from the U.S. Space Academy. She has also been honored to receive the Presidential Sports Award in Figure Skating and the AYSO Quest for the Best Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, Megan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Albert and Nancy Rand, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Megan Wesley Rand's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Seymour High School

Valedictorian, Miss Megan Rand, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.